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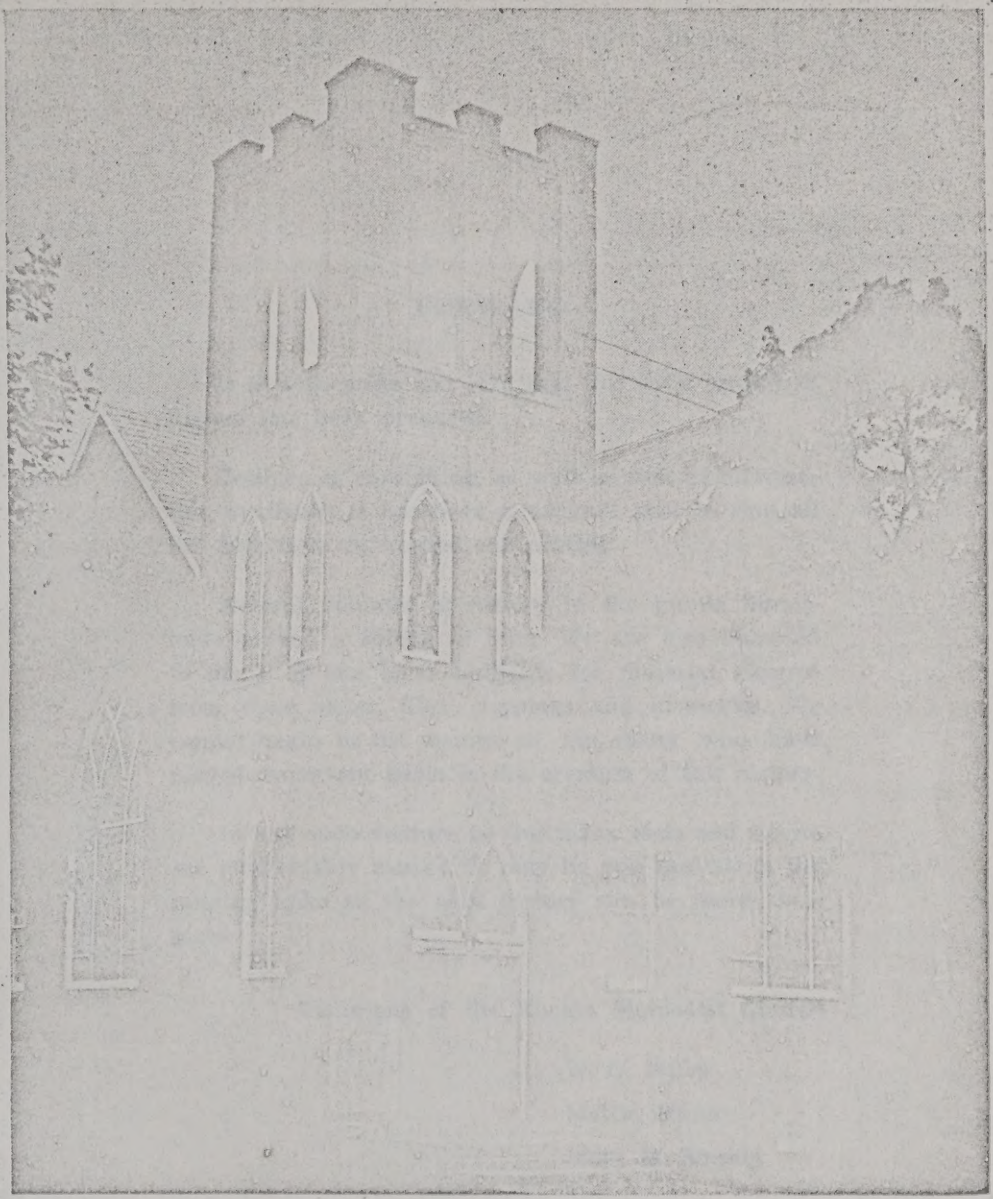

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It is with pride and love that this little history of Rigdon has been prepared.

Because of conflicting, as well as lack of information available, it has been a difficult task to find all the data that we wanted and needed.

Several volumes of history in the public library have proven a source of data. We are also indebted to many of our local residents for material gleaned from their attics, files, clippings and memories. We cannot begin to list names of the many who have played important parts in the creation of this history.

In any such venture as this many facts and stories are unavoidably missed. It may be you can fill in the missing links so the next history can be more complete.

Historians of the Rigdon Methodist Church

W. O. Miller

Mattie Miller

Mary M. Sheedy

October 6, 1957

History of the Rigdon Methodist Church and Community

Rigdon is a small but important place to the present residents and their ancestors. The land we think of as the Rigdon Community was an Indian Reservation until the early 1800's. Rigdon is divided into two counties and four townships. Grant County to the north with Liberty Township to the northeast and Green Township to the northwest. Madison County is to the south with Duckcreek Township to the southwest and Boone Township to the southeast. Liberty was organized in May 1839. Green was named for General Green of Revolutionary fame. The first election was held in the cabin of Sam Kelley in 1848.

Over a hundred years ago Dr. Prior Rigdon and wife gave five acres of land on the Liberty township corner. This was known as the "Conger Land" and settled in 1847 by Dr. Rigdon. Daniel Bayless and wife gave the Green township corner while Daniel Newkirk and wife, Polly, gave the Duckcreek land. The Newkirks owned all of the southwest section of Rigdon. Later they sold part of it to the Jonathan Nobles. Eli and Matilda Hiatt gave the corner of Boone township. Thus, the four corners became, in 1848, Independence, Indiana. However, when the post office was granted it was learned there was another Independence Postoffice in Indiana. Thus, the Postmaster General sent word that Independence would be Rigdon, using the name of Dr. Prior Rigdon who had written the official letter to Washington. As far as we can find Rueben Patrick was the first postmaster of Rigdon. The postoffice was abandoned in 1912.

Jacob Hiatt, born Nov. 18, 1847 was one of the first babies born in Green Township, near the new village of Rigdon

Rigdon became a thriving little village with plenty of boardwalks, and hitchracks for the families coming to make purchases at the various stores. Daniel Newkirk established the first store in the year 1845. The first store building is still standing although it has been moved to the farm of Frank Marine, northwest of town. Andrew Gemmill had a dry goods and general merchandise store. W. O Miller says he has often been given a stick of candy at Gemmill's store. Pearl Gibson Sheedy has a bill from the Gemmill store listing overalls as fifty cents a pair and a pair of boots as $2.00.

Oliver Fleener delivered merchandise to the stores in Rigdon, hauling in wagons drawn by a yoke of oxen, from Anderson. Later he sold the dray line and the new owner found it necessary to have Mr. Fleener travel to Anderson and speak to the oxen in order to get them to ford the river.

Hugh Hamilton was a storekeeper before 1865. Johnathan Parsons also, had a dry goods and general store. Charles Hughes and E. E. Davis had a blacksmithing, wagon making and repairing shop. Mr. Davis was the father of Donna Davis Miller. Later Mr. Davis became Rigdon's first undertaker. Up until this time the dead were taken to the cemetery in horse drawn wagons but Mr. Davis purchased an up to date horse drawn hearse. William Behymer, whose death occurred August 5, 1890, was the first person to be taken to the Knox Chapel Cemetery in the new hearse. Other nearby cemeterys used were the Rigdon Cemetery, east of town, and the Forrestville Cemetery on the Summitville road. William Behymer was an attorney and notary. He was also, a musicmaster and on Wednesday evenings he could be found giving lessons in vrious homes in the "Ole Singing Schools".

On May 4, 1861 Robert Gordon, Josiah Thrasher and John Wells were elected trustees of the Independence Cemetery.

A tin shop was operated by Thomas Dorsey. Riggs and Behymer a meat shop and John Rhine the grist mill, later run by Lem Webb, father of the present wife of E. E. Davis.

The grist mill played an important part in the organizing of the churches of this community. The churches were organized in the homes and then sometime later met in the grist mill. The mill first stood east of the home of Elmer Street. Later it was moved to the lot north of the present home of Clair Hamilton. Later it was moved to the Johnny Fleener farm, which is now known as the William H. and Ida Markle farm, farther north of Rigdon where it still stands.

The Church of Christ Disciples was organized in August 1853 and services were held in homes until 1855 when a church house was erected. The land was given for the church by William P. Thrasher. They had a membership of 200. The Rev. Brazella Blount was the first pastor. The pastor was one of six brothers, all of which obtained degrees from college. His granddaughter is Lois Blount Sheedy, wife of Herman Sheedy. In 1872 the elders of the church were; I.B. Wells, I. M. Dickey, G. W. Tingley and H. A. Dickey. The church is located at the north edge of Rigdon. The last charter member of the church, Mary Gordon, died in 1935. Present elders are Glen Sheedy, Charles Nicholson and Wilfred Jeffery. Mr. Sheedy and Mr. Nicholson are also trustees of the church.

The Center Christian Church was organized in 1857 in Liberty Township. The first pastor was Rev Vincent and there was a membership of 90. First deacons and elders of the church were Silas Gibson, John McCombs and Bill Ayers. Jasper Wilson, father of Warren Wilson and grandfather of Elizabeth Riggs, was an early church member and soon became a deacon.

Knox Chapel a United Brethren Church was built in 1855. John Knox and William Knox were the first trustees. Rev. John Smith was the first pastor. Later trustees were Isaac Rybolt, Joseph Miller, Jesse Downs and S. W. (Wall) Titus. Wall Titus was the grandfather of Faye Steele Harting. Mr Titus is remembered by many as the gentleman with gold teeth. Actually he had his own teeth with gold caps on all of them. He was one of the first to own a horseless carriage and the first to drive the same through the streets of Windfall. At the present time Knox Chapel is a Pilgrim Holiness church with Waldo Hosier, the pastor.

Knotty Corner Church took its name from the fact in government surveying, the stake stood close to a very Knotty Pin Oak tree, on the Jeremiah Hammers farm. This was the first Methodist Church in Green Township and a log church was built in 1853. This later became known as the Point Isabel Circuit with the old Circuit Rider dividing his time between three Methodist churches, Pt. Isabel, Rigdon, and Maple Grove. The Maple Grove church stood on land in Duckcreek Township, owned by the Wardwell family and at the present time belonging to Wilbur Pierce.

The Rigdon Methodist Episcopal Church organized in 1857 and held services in the homes until 1856. The first pastor was T. F. Elkins with a membership of 50. A good log house was erected then in Boone Township, Madison County and it was destroyed by fire in 1863. A frame church was then built in Grant County, Liberty Township on the lot east of Elbert Jamison's and west of Ishmael Brumley's. It later became Rigdon's band hall. Rigdon boasted of a good band for several years. Finally the old church was moved away.

Early trustees of the Methodist Church were; John Kenney, George W. Barnes, Smithy Lightfoot, John Gemmill, and James Titus. Early members were; Sarah Dickey, Christopher and Mary Butler, John and Jane Bayless, William and Jane McCaskey, Sarah Hamilton, Daniel and Sarah Bayless, Nancy E. Dickey, John and Sarah Kinney, William and Martha Behymer, Joseph and Amanda Hanna, Johnathan and Jayne Noble, and Elmira Eaton. Mrs. Eaton was the mother of Hattie Day.

A list of members from 1895 to 1905 was found in the class book kept by Anna Dickey when she was class leader.

John and Jane Bayless
Flora Bayless
Golda Bayless
Chris C. Butler
Mary A. Butler
Robert Butler
Rebecca Butler
Bessie Butler
Mary Butler
Martha Behymer
Ida Benton
Julia Benton
Edna Boyd
Laura Boyd
Vern Boyd
Millia Hiatt Brattain
Lizzie Brattain
Elmer Brattain
George Carpenter
Vina Carpenter
Joe and Jane Cochran
Ada Cochran
J. E. Dickey
Gertrude Dickey
Grace Dickey
Dale Dickey
John and Anna Dickey
Winnie Dickey
Wanda Dickey
Clester Samuel Dickey
James Dickey
Nancy Dickey
Mary Ann Downs
Irene Downs
Ella Drawhorn
Elizabeth Drawhorn
John and Elmira Eaton
Jackson Eaton
Martha Eaton
Mrs. Fred Fernung
Margaret Fernung
Emma Fernung
Ada Fernung
Ella Gemmill
John and Kate Oldham Hueston
William and Ida Heck
Meda Hamilton
Sarah Hamilton
Nathan Hunt
John Hunt
Clarence Hunt
Millie Hunt
Florence Hunt
Marvin Hunt
Phebe Hiatt
Edna Hiatt
Alpha Hiatt
Lawrence Elster Hiatt
Laura Hiatt
Blanch Huston
Edgar and Rausa Jones
Charles Willard Jones
Carrie and Erma Jones
Eva Hueston Jackson
Gertrude Miller John
Joseph and Mariah Miller
Arthur and Cora Hueston Miller
William O. Miller
Harvey and Harriet McCaskey
Cyntha Black Hueston
Emma Haines
Maude Drawhorn Abernathy
Hattie Smith Hwet
Ed E. and Louie Davis

Mrs. Dickey also had written that her first Sunday School teacher was Mrs. Enoc McMahan. Others she remembered were Mrs. Joe Keaton, Laura Noble, Ben Noble, Bell John, Martha John, Charley John, William Squire Behymer, Maria Gemmill, Dr. and Jennie Manring and many others.

In the winter of 1908 at the time of the funeral for Mrs. Jane Noble the church sills gave way. The trustees decided it was unsafe to repair the old building.

On February 27, 1909 a subscription was started for a new church The Board of Trustees was organized as follows; Harvery M. McCaskey, Chairman, Edward Dickey, Secretary, Arthur Miller, Treasurer, John Dickey, William Markle, Henry Noble and Robert Butler. March 6, 1909 the contract was let and the first dirt was moved for the foundation on June 1, 1909. The church was started during the time Rev. C. M. Lantis was pastor. He had helped build the Pt. Isabel church in 1908.

Ed Day of Rigdon, and a Mr. Charles Michaels, (of Liberty Center) were the contractors for the church.

Dedication of the brick church was March 20, 1910 by the District Superintendent B. S. Hollopeter. The church was beautifully decorated with baskets of carnations, roses, ferns, and other potted plants.

Ushers for dedication Sunday were Marvin Hunt, Otis Noble, Virgil Adamson and Charlie Wardwell.

Sup't. of the Sunday School was Wm. O. Miller. President of the Ladies Aid Society was Mrs. Flora Bayless.

Music for the morning service was furnished by the Rigdon choir composed of Elster Hiatt, choir director and tenor, Anna Dickey, Maud Bundy, Grace Dickey, Wanda Dickey, Alpha Hiatt, Mrs. Minor and Maggie Fernung, Winnie Dickey and Irene Downs, all sopranos. Gertrude Dickey and Ida Heck, alto's, W. O. Miller and Ed. Dickey the bass with Mrs. Marvin Hunt organist. Bessie played pianola, which was an organ type instrument in a piano case.

Other music was by Ben Noble and daughter Ruth and accompanied by Olive Kilgore. Also, a male quartette from Elwood M.E. Church sang. $5,241 was raised in the morning service. The total cost of the church was $10,129.

A bountiful dinner was served in the new basement at the noon hour, a large crowd participated and still food was left.

During the afternoon program the Rev. H. S. Nickerson was guest speaker. The choir presented the Anthem "A Temple We Build".

At the 7:30 evening service the choir sang "Launch Out" and "On to the Harvest". Prayer and scripture by pastor Lantis was given. Sup't. Hollopeter of Wabash delivered the sermon. During this service the lights went out, which was caused by the exhaustion of the carbide in the light plant, this was soon repaired. However, the large audience present was very quiet and while in darkness some one started to sing. Everyone joined in singing the Doxology. The program proceeded as planned when the lights came on again.

This church building was located on the main street of Rigdon going south. The street was an improved gravel road having replaced the corduroy roads, made of logs. The corduroy roads were made of logs laid atop one another to bring the road bed up above the swamp land. The road went north through what was known as the Cottonwood Ocean.

The grounds for the church were given by the Noble heirs. The auditorium was 42' x 42', with a Sunday School room to the south measuring 24' x 24'. It was furnished by quartered oak. The pews were of a circular pattern of Oak. The windows of leaded Art Glass were beautiful. Heating was by a then modern hot air furnace. Lighting was by acetylene of forty light power.

The 48 inch bell for the tower was given by Mrs. J. M. McTurnan, the wife of Dr. J. M. McTurnan. She gave the bell with the understanding that it was to be rung five minutes each Sunday morning. Years later on V. E. Day, 1945, the bell was rung to signify the end of war in Europe. While Estes McClintock rang the bell at the church, Mattie Miller held the telephone out their grocery store window for Lea McTurnan, in Parker, Ind., to hear the bell ring via long distance. The same church bell his mother had given in 1910.

The first funeral held in the new church was for Mrs. Minnie Brattian Love. She was the first wife of Joe Love and had died in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The service was held May 27, 1910.

The first person taken into the new church in full membership by letter was Mrs. Edna Hiatt wife of Elster Hiatt, March 27, 1910. This was one week after the church was dedicated.

Soon after this church dedication the Rigdon Male Quartette was organized with Elster Hiatt, first tenor, Edgar Jones second tenor, J. Ed. Dickey second bass, and Wm. O. Miller first bass. These men sang for many funerals in this community for many years, as they did for many other occasions.

On December 27, 1914, the church was gutted by fire, much of the walls and

chimney were left standing. By the combined efforts of the onlookers when they found they could do nothing to save the church, they saved the bell from cracking in the terrible heat by tossing snowballs into the belfry. The light snow on the ground saved the entire town. The church was insured for $6,000 but there was an indebtedness of $500. The structure left standing could not be insured until that indebtedness was raised. In 1915 the church was started to be rebuilt. In the meantime until the church was completed services were held in the I.O.O.F. hall, over the Markle Drugstore which was located in the northwest corner of town.

On the third Sunday in August, 1916 the church was dedicated by Rev. A. V. Patton, who was stationed here at the time of the fire but who had been replaced by Rev. Chester Thomas. In 1921, the church sent a peition to conference asking that Rigdon might be a station unto its self from the circuit. Conference granted the request. The Rev. S. F. Harter was sent here.

This change brought about the need for a parsonage. It was built in 1921, on the grounds south of the church and donated by Robert Tobias. Mr. Berry Cooper designed the parsonage while men of the church gave their time to constructing the building.

It takes many hands to make a church, a home and a community. Some janitors who served the Methodist church are: Charles Brattain, Henry Heater, Roy Hiatt, Waldo Riggs family, Joe and Reba Abernathy, Maud and Leslie Duncan, the Floyd White family, Helen Turner Reese, Robert Dickey family and the Wade Bethay family.

The first pastor J. T. Elkins, 1852 was followed by many others. Namely the Rev. N. Baker, Rev. G. W. Carpenter, Rev. I. W. McDaniel, Rev. Walters, Rev. Rhodes, Rev. Wayman, Rev. Lewellwin, Rev. Powell, Rev. Kain, Rev. McKaig and the Rev. M. W. Stranahan. The Rev. J. B. Cook while pastor boarded and roomed with Johnathan Noble in the big brick house west of town, where James and Alma Fleener Hueston now live. He moved to Pt. Isabel when a parsonage was purchased. The Rev. A. A. Turner, 1890-1892 held a great revival with 65 conversions to the church. He was assisted in the February 1891 meeting by Kate Lebrick, Evangelist. He was in Rigdon for the 1946 Homecoming. In 1950 he was called to eternal rest. Rev. Lewis Reeves, Rev. Richey, Rev. John Lesh, 1906, Rev. John Fettro, 1910, Rev. John Young, 1904-5, Rev. C. L. Lantis 1908-10, Rev. Harry A. Homer 1911-12, Rev. A. V. Patton 1913-15, Rev. Chester Thomas 1916-17, also served. Rev. Arlington Singer 1918-20, with his wife now reside at the Methodist Memorial home at Warren. The Rev. S. F. Harter 1921-23, built our parsonage in 1921 and was the first to live in it. Others were Rev. A. D. Burket 1924, and Rev. Eli C. Fisher 1925-26, he did much to beautify the church grounds. Rev. Clarence Fisk, 1927-28, Rev. Maurice Jones 1929-32, Rev. J. Harvey Brown 1933-36, Rev. Harold F. Blakley 1937-40, Rev. C. L. Reese 1941-46, Rev. A. Dale Giles1946-47, Rev. Floyd White 1948-49, and Rev. Robert J. Johnson 1950-53. His wife Leatha passed away July 25, 1951. The first death of a minister or wife at Rigdon. She left a vacancy among us that can never be filled.

The Rev. Roscoe Pheneger 1954-56, the immedite passed pastor, gave to Rigdon his daughter, Sandra, through her marriage to Pet Bethay.

Rev. Carl Harbour our present pastor came to us in June of 1957. His wife, Occie, a victim of sclerosis, directs a ray of sunshine, faith and love to all who come in contact with her.

In 1932 while Rev. M. Jones was pastor, Pt. Isabel and Rigdon merged again to become a charge as we are at the present time.

The Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Protestant churches merged in 1940. This brought about the organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service with Mrs. Vern Moore the first local President. Mrs. Moore had been the president of the Ladies Aid Society. Other past presidents of the W.S.C.S. are Velma Butler, Mattie Miller, Mary Jane Turner, and Elizabeth Riggs. The pres-

ent slate of officers are; President Harriett Horine, Vice-President Bill Bethay, Secretary Wrennie Horine, Treasurer Mary M. Sheedy, Sec'. of Promotion Velma Butler, Sec. of Missions M. Margaret Hughes, Chairman of Social Relations Mattie Miller, Church Activities Bill Bethay, Student Work Ethel Spitzmesser, Youth Work Betty Riggs, Childrens Work Evelyn Seward, Literature and Publications Jennie Leavitt, Sec'. of Supplies Myrtle Goble, Status of Women Marie Titus, Spiritual Life and Representative on the Commission on Education Prilla Harmon.

In the spring of 1944 a Wesleyan Service Guild was organized, for the gainfully employed women of the church, by Miss Edith Linn of Gas City. The charter members were; Betty Riggs, Betty Miller, Coleen Hamilton, Jean Hunt, Jean Bramel, Harriett Horine, Wava Jean Shatto, Mamie Stephens, Edith Linn, Mary M. Sheedy and Mattie Miller, Cordinator between the Guild and the W.S.C.S. The Guild started the original organ fund in 1947.

The Youth of the church are active under the guidance of Betty Riggs. The M.Y.F. officers are; President Kathy Riggs, Vice-President Wenda Heater, Secretary Nancy Bruner and Treasurer Virginia Harvey.

The first Superintendent of the Junior (children's) Department was Hattie Rybolt. Later Joe Love served this position. Mattie Miller served the children for over 30 years. Presently this office is filled very ably by Mrs. Willard Horine.

Some former Sunday School Superintendents are Elster Hiatt, W. O. Miller, Marvin Hunt, Clayton Horine, Joe Love, Harry Turner, Mrs. Noble Butler, Mrs. Homer Harmon, Robert Trindel, and at the present time Ira Spitzmesser is filling this capacity very capably.

Present Trustees of the church are; Frank Horine, Wade Bethay, Robert Dickey, W. O. Miller, Waldo Riggs, Willard Horine, Ira Spitzmesser, Elmer Street and Homer Harmon.

Martin J. Leavitt and family moved to the community in 1917. Mrs. Leavitt now rents the farm to the church. Men and friends of the church farm the land and money is accounted for as the Lord's Acre plan. It is for the upkeep of the church and parsonage.

Local Methodists who through the years have gone into the ministry are Clarence Hunt, Pearl J. Hamilton, Milton Keaton, and Paul Horine.

Dr. Edwin Garrison and Dr. Samuel Yoder were former Sup'ts. of Wabash District. Dr. George Greer was appointed in 1953. Richard C. Raines succeeded the Rev. Titus Lowe as Bishop of North Indiana Conference in May 1949.

Doctors who practiced in and about Rigdon through the years were Dr. Prior Rigdon, Dr. J. M. McTurnan, Dr. Manring 1884-8, Dr. Fulenwider 1906-7, Dr. Minor, Dr. Wood, Dr. Smith, Dr. Ford, Dr. Caylor and Dr. C. B. Vigus. Dr. P. C. King of Swayzee was also a trusted friend of the community.

For nearly 50 years Pony Parsons ran Rigdons barbershop on the west side of the main street. Several men remember going there for their first haircut. One gentleman remembers being put on a horse, by his father, and sent to the barbershop where Pony helped him off, cut his hair and sent him home again.

Warren Pinkerman had a general store in about 1899. Other early storekeepers were; Jonathan Pickard, and Herbert Hiatt and William Fleener. Henry Meldrum was a casket maker with his factory about where the stone quarry is now. Esabeus (Sabe) Drawhorn, father of Maud Abernathy, ran a sawmill in the lot west of the Rigdon cemetery. It was an excellent planning and woodworking mill. Joel Benton, grandfather of Ira Spitzmesser, was a carpenter. William Spitzmesser, Ira's father was a carpenter and welldriller.

Other's having stores were Wm. H. Markle, drugstore, John Quincy Adamson and Alec Adamson, blacksmithing. Elster Hiatt ran a Lumber Company. Delbert Hinds, Norman and Deo Hinds, Waldo (Bud) Riggs have had or do have garages in Rigdon. Clifford Heater has a filling station on the highway. Bill and Cora Rybolt, Bryan Titus, Frank Gordon, Murle Titus, Clyde Miller, Mrs. Waldo Riggs and

Mrs. David Miller, W. O. Miller, Wm. Charles, Forrest Cookman, Lommis Arnett, Roland Fleener, Vaughn Brown have run general stores through the years to the present storekeeper, Marion (Mac) Edwards. Lee Drawhorn was an auctioneer for many years. John Wire is the present auctioneer. Will Dye, a welldriller, drilled the well for the Methodist parsonage in 1921. Using a rig run by steam. Later in 1926 he drilled a well for the church. His son Paul now coninues the same occupation.

An old frame school building stood at the north edge of Rigdon. A new two room brick building was erected in 1904. Other schools were scattered about the four townships. Many teachers influenced the lives of pupils by teachings, example and Willow switches. Some teachers in and about the community were Dr. Prior Rigdon, George Thomas, Lake Florea, F. E. Hiatt, Alf Hogston, Esta Pattison, Gene Goble, Wes Kilgore, Willie Livezey, Virgil Long, Mary Salyers, John Salyers, Ellie Carroll, Ora Dickey, Austin Jackson, Cora Marine, Pauline Wright, Lea McTurnan, Lawerence McTurnan, James Sheedy, Edna Davis, and Dale Underwood. Others were Lucille Jones, Bee Harold Pinkerman, Elvert Hiatt, Bertha Hiatt, Carl McCaskey, Florence Cox Cline, Georgia Neal and John Lee. Mr. Lee taught in the Rigdon school for 23 years. Jonathan Rigdon moved to Danville, Indiana and taught in the college there. He was the author of a Grammer book.

Willard (Bee) Gemmill, father of Robert Gimmel an attorney in Marion, was a schoolteacher and attorney. He later became an Indiana Supreme Court Judge.

Lawrence McTurnan was also an educator and for a time was Assistant State Superintendent of Schools in Indiana.

Austin Jackson, father of Mrs. Ora Todd, was a school teacher. Mr. Jackson parents, John and Mary, lived in Rigdon years ago. Mrs. Jackson lived to the age of 102. They belonged to the Church of Christ.

Mrs. Todd's Mother was Eva Oldham, daughter of Catherine Oldham Hueston. The John Hueston's formerly lived east of Rigdon where the Gerald Williams family now reside.

Several Methodist choir members recall the hours of singing spent with Mrs. Willard Elkins, directing.

Others have recalled with pleasure hearing Anna Dickey, Goldie Dye, Hattie Rybolt, Jennie Love, Eva Jackson and others of that era singing, "Master the Tempest is Raging". It is said they reached the high notes clear as a bell and could be easily heard from the Methodist church to the middle of Rigdon.

We miss the many friends who have gone on to God. The friendship of a gracious lady, Josephine Graham, the Elmer Brattains, Joe and Jennie Love, the Bill Townsends and many others. Marvin Hunt was another, a man who could appreciate most the jokes on himself. A man who served his church and community well and long. Many thoughts of many dear ones come to each of us.

The Rigdon Methodist church has during the past year sponsored the Girl Scout Troop, the Brownies, the Boy Scouts and the Cubs.

John O'Banion in 1849 settled the land which John and Jayne Bayless came to farm in 1862. John Bayless was the grandfather of Guy Bayless, who now reside on the farm.

James Titus settled land here in 1849. Fern Dickey, the granddaughter of James and Lydia Titus, has a doctor bill showing where the grandparents paid Dr. Caylor a medical bill in produce. In this case it was oats. This was a common practice in the early days.

Ben Dickey settled in the west part of Conger Land on the John A Stookey farm in 1849. Mr. Stookey was the father of Roscoe Stookey and grandfather of John Stookey. The John Stookey family lives east of Rigdon.

Robert Gordon settled the Henry Meldrum farm in 1852.

Josiah Thrasher settled the McKinney farm in 1852 and then moved near Rigdon. His widow later married Merritt Leer. She owned and lived on the farm west of Rigdon where Mr. and Mrs. Marion Briles now reside.

Many stories of the 'good old days' have been told. Many have told of their parents, grandparents or friends looking into their front yards to see wild bear climbing over rail fence. This story is told of Uncle Jake Miller turning his horse out to pasture. He had the halter in his hand and as he turned toward the house a flock of wild turkey flew over his head. He threw the halter up and quickly entangled a turkey.

Mrs. Myrtle Goble tells of her grandparents going to Rush County for a visit. They returned home with apples. One day, soon after, three burly Indians appeared in the yard. Mr. Hamilton asked them into the house and gave them apples to eat. When they had their fill and was ready to leave one Indian held up his hand and said, "Squaw, papoose". A container was filled with apples for the Indian family.

Hugh Hamilton and wife, Sarah, settled the section of land one mile west and north of Rigdon. It was entered on February 15, 1849. The farm home one mile west and one and one half north was given to their granddaughter, Myrtle Goble. Her son Lester and wife Virgie now reside there. The Hamilton's at one time owned the Harvey McCaskey and the Nathan Harting farms. Mr. Hamilton cut notches on trees to show the way through the woods to their home.

On January 4, 1850, Hamilton's sold part of their land to Jonathan and Nancy Fleener. They in turn sold the 160 acres to their son, Oliver Fleener on June 4, 1850. He built a log cabin in the woods for his family.

Once two strangers, man and wife, came and asked for lodgings for the night. During the night the family wakened to find the visitors were actually men and were attempting to steal from them. When the men left the next morning they told the family they would hear from them again. A few nights later the family returned from church to find their cabin burned to the ground. A new house was then raised and is the present home of Glen and Garnet Fleener Sheedy. Mr. Fleener went one day to a barn and crib just north of his home for corn. When he turned to leave the barn he came face to face with an Indian. The Indian stepped from the doorway and Mr. Fleener went on with his work. Ora Fleener is the grandson of Oliver Fleener.

Today it seems almost impossible to think of hunters being lost in the woods while hunting deer. One hunter recognizing a certain big tree knew he had been walking in circles all day and yet had been less than a mile from home the entire time.

Two little sisters of about 60 years ago were given a chicken to raise for their very own through the summer. They realized the big sum of thirty cents in the sale of their young chicken.

When John Perkins died, enongh Civil War veterans had returned to Rigdon to act as his pallbearers. He was the grandfather of Elmer Street and Mrs. Richard Bruner.

Thomas Sheedy bought 40 acres of land in 1872 in Liberty Township, a mile north and a mile east of Rigdon. Later he purchased more land east of his first purchase. It was from this second purchase that his son, Frank, carried small trees across the section to plant in the yard of his home.

Joseph A. Smalley, a local farmer, is a son of Joseph W. and Maria Flora Smalley who settled in Liberty Township, on a 320 acre farm several years ago, having come from Adams County, Ohio. Some of the J. A. Smalley children and and grandchildren are now active in the affairs of the Rigdon community.

Mrs. Joe Keaton was at work in her cabin while the children, Becky and Susan, played on the floor. Suddenly a big yellow-white dog looked in the open cabin door and then disappeared. Grandfather Joe came in later to say he had shot

the white wolf with his musket. The cabin stood along the road going across country from the Rigdon trading post to the Forestville cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Keaton were the grandparents of Bessie (Hunt), Edith and Noble Butler.

Michael Meyer, Sr. and wife Mary came to this community by covered wagon in 1885. They settled in swamp land in Duckcreek township. They owned the wagon and the two horses that pulled it as well as a cow which they had tied behind the wagon, also a little bedding, clothing and a few pieces of furniture. Hard work and the years changed the land into good rich soil and a family of eleven children. Mrs. Meyer at one time belonged to the Ladies Aid of the Rigdon Church. Mr. Meyer drove his car until he was nearly 90 years of age. The drive to Elwood of 15 minutes was a far cry from the all day trip by wagon.

Clair Meyer who resides on the home place recalls his father making his first stalk rake. It was whittled out of wood with long sticks being whittled down to make the wooden teeth.

Charles Meyer and family, son of Clair Meyer, lives in Rigdon on the former Hiatt Colglazier property.

The Meyer family have been well known for their Belgian horses and fine work in the 4-H clubs.

When Anna Dickey was a little girl she often accompanied her father, Jonathan Pickard, to work in the Meldrum casket factory. There sleep often overcame her and many naps were taken in the caskets of the factory. Mrs. H. N. Phillips is the daughter of Mrs. Dickey.

In closing will say the Seward family who were early settlers here, and came from Ohio in covered wagon, when Andrew Jackson (Jack) Seward married ——— Street and their two daughters Lizzie and Mary Seward all lived here at the time of Mrs. Sewards death, after which he married Margaret Glaze, and to this union were born six children, Janelle, Martha, Dan Seward, who married Addie Miller, daughter of Jacob Miller and sister of Harrison Miller. They had two daughters, Ethel and Saloma Seward.

Robert Seward married Alice Markle, sister of W. H. Markle and parents of Beulah Seward LaFollette, who made her home with the Markles until her marriage to Dr. Robert LaFollette of Ball State College.

Charlie Seward died when a young man, and Joe, the youngest of the Sewards, married Miss Gussee Stroup, who now lives in Rigdon and owns the old Seward home and Dr. and Mrs. Robert LaFollette, Beulah Seward owns the other Seward farm one half mile west of Rigdon.

The history of a century or more encompasses many changes; from oxen to jet planes, from candle light to the modern electric lights, from farming by crude ways to modern tractors, from the old singing schools to the television! Other progressive measures might be mentioned yet one Being remains the same yesterday, today and forever — GOD!

Rigdon Methodist Church

Centennial

Memorial Book

October 6, 1957

"Is My Name Written There"

Lord I care not for riches,
Neither silver or gold
I would make sure of Heaven
I would enter the fold
In the book of thy kingdom
With its pages so fair
Tell me Jesus my Savior
Is my name written there?

Chorus
Is my name written there
On the page white and fair?
In the book of thy kingdom
Is my name written there?

Song Book: "The Finest of the Wheat", used in Rigdon churches from 1870-80

ORGAN FUND COMMITTEE

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Wrennie Horine, Comm. Sec'y.
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Fairmount, Ind., R. 1

Wesleyan Service Guild 1944-47, started the original organ fund.

In Memory Of

Wava Jean Shatto Walker
by Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Sheedy and Earl Dean

Hattie Rybolt
by Ira Rybolt

Mr. and Mrs. William Behymer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hiatt, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Rybolt, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hiatt
by Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Miller

Deceased members
by Rigdon W.S.C.S.

Hattie and Ed Day
by Joanna F. Meeks and George Fink

Hubert F. Horine , Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Horine, Mr. and Mrs. John Downs
by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horine

Joe Seward
by Mrs. Gussie Seward and Mrs. Mary Ellen Commons

Pam Bayless
by Mrs. Flora Bayless

Nelson and Phobe Hiatt, a janitor in the old frame church
by Ivan Main, Mrs. Charles Hiatt, Mrs. Wm. Hiatt, Anna Heater, Grace Kilgore, Edna Steele, Alpha Halford, Gerald Hiatt

Julia A. Benton, Wm. H. Spitzmesser, Clara Spitzmesser
by Mr. and Mrs. Ira Spitzmesser

Hubert F. Horine
by Rev. and Mrs. Harrison Dawes

Robert Seward
by Mrs. Alice Seward

Bert Mann
by Mrs. Tressia Heritage

Frank Sheedy, Wm. Dye, Kate and Tom Sheedy
by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dye, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Compton

In Memory Of

Elmer and Annetta Brattain
by Mr. and Mrs. Evertt Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones

David and Bertha Leachman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Noble, Trustee in 1910
by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Leachman, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Seright, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Leachman

Charles Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. John Dickey
by Winnie Stephenson

J. E. Dickey, Sarah Mary Dickey
by Mrs. Webster Ferree

Gertrude E. Hill
by Leo C. Hill

Minnie and Ollie Hamilton
by Rev. and Mrs. P. J. Hamilton

Memory of the Old Frame Church where I first found my Jesus
by Mrs. Charles A. Day

Frank Sheedy, Kate and Tommy Sheedy
by Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Sheedy and Earl Dean

Roscoe and Caroline Stookey
by Mr. and Mrs. John Stookey

Wilbur B. Hiatt
by Mrs. Mable Hiatt and family

Victor A. Selby
by Mr. and Mrs. Victor Selby

Wava Jean Shatto Walker
by Arthur Walker, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ora Shatto, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Stephens and Lee Ann, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Grant, Rev. and Mrs. Paul A. Trumbauer and Teddy

Phillip Hiatt
by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hiatt, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hiatt, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hiatt and family

In Memory Of

Frank Sheedy
by Mrs. Pearl Sheedy

Flora Parsons
by Mr. and Mrs. James A. Sheedy

Rev. Brazella Blount, Mr. and Mrs. James Sheedy
by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sheedy

Noble Butler
by Mrs. Velma Butler and Kent and Mark

Andrew J. Gemmill, Maria Covalt Gemmill, Mary Ellen Gemmill, Willard B. Gemmill
by Mrs. W. B. Gemmil, Robert A. Gemmill

Robert and Rebecca Butler, Noble Butler
by Edith Butler

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. John Hueston
by Mr. and Mrs. Ora Todd

William and Merlie Townsend
by Mr. and Mrs. William Fernung and family

George and Emma Heater, Mrs. Minnie Heater
by Stanley and Hilda Heater Sakowicz

Lemeul Dickey
by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dickey and family

Homer Day
by Mrs. Carrie Day, Garnet Carter

Ona Day
by Mr. and Mrs. Myron Carter

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Boyd
by Miss Lora Boyd

Rule Sullivan
by Mrs. Dessie Sullivan, Mrs. Bobbie Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fernung
by Mrs. Emma Huber

Miss Mettee Fernung, Margaret Fernung, Raymond Fernung
by Carl Fernung, Roscoe Fernung, Mrs. Alice Bayeless

In Memory Of

J. Ed. Dickey
by Mrs. (J. E.) Gertrude Dickey

Harry Stockdale
by Mrs. Rena Stockdale

Hattie Rybolt
by Mrs. Emma Mae Wimmer

Ben and Maggie Noble and Ruth
by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Noble

Ranzy Wood
by Mrs. Dona Wood and family

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rigdon
by Col. Joanthan M. Rigdon (U. S. Army hospital Doctor in Camp Hanford, Washington.)

Mary Jane Hiatt, Levina Jane Bayless
by Miss Jane Bayless

Mr. and Mrs. Claud and Bertha Farley
by Miss Josephine Margaret Farley

Gladyce Dickey Hickman
by L. M. Hickman and daughter, Mrs. Howard Butzow

Lemuel R. and Mary Bush Webb
by Anna Webb Davis

Mrs. Darthula V. Hilton Wilson
by Warren Wilson, Elizabeth Riggs

Herbert Ellingwood
by James and Janice Ellingwood and family

Dr. M. J. and Judith McTurnan, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McTurnan, Lea McTurnan and son Lea Jr.
by Mrs. W. L. and Judith McTurnan Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Clair McTurnan, Mrs. Mary McTurnan and family

Winchester and Lavina Bayless, Rebecca Bayless, Orvis Bayless, Fred and Angeline Fernung
by Guy and Alice Bayless

John and Jane Bayless
by John D. and Betty Bayless, Judith and Thomas

In Memory Of

James King
by Mrs. Marjorie King

Marcus M. and Elizabeth Jane Kilgore
by Miss Olive Kilgore

Glendon Leer and son, Robert Leer
by Avis and Milton Leer and Margaret, Elmore

Jefferson and Nannie Titus, Joseph and Mary Jones
by Ross and Erma Jones Titus

Thomas (Bud) and Mary Phillips
by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Phillips

Joe and Jennie Love
by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tinsley

Nelson and Phebe Butler Hiatt
by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald D. Hiatt

Winchester and Lavina Pinkerman Bayless, Barney C. Mallett
by Mrs. Goldia Bayless Mallett and family

Amos and Millia Hiatt Brattain
by Connie Vinson and Ruth

C. E. (Bud) and Jessie Jarvis Hiatt
by Clarence and Afton Hiatt Schleicher

Gertrude John, Olive John Moon
by Frank John, Naomi Riggs, Lois Mae Heck, Roy John, Kenneth John

William Heater, George and Emma Heater
by Mr. and Mrs. Noah Craig

Isaac and Frances Hollowell, Fred and Angelina Fernung
by Carl and Alma Hollowell Fernung

Amos Brattain
by Mrs. Cyrena Brattain

Ed and Hattie Day
by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ewen

Bee and Mollie Scott, Janitors of the new church
by Stella Scott Jarvis, Ruth Scott Phillips

In Memory Of

Alva Rybolt
by Mrs. Eva Rybolt

Fred and Angelina Fernung
by Betty Fernung Hoffam, Faye Fernung Heller, Emma Huber, Ida Fernung Winglewich

Albert Waters and daughter, Madge
by Nettie Waters, Martha Gerencser, Edith Diehl, Georgia Donelson, Phebe Tyndall, Fern Karch, Faye Smith, Walter Waters, David Waters

Hattie Day Rybolt
by Clester and Zelia Rybolt, Doris Malotte, Calvin Rybolt, Milicent Fugerson

Joseph and Jennie Love and Bryan and Clem Street Love, Joe's parents
by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tinsley

Dea Jane Miller
by David and Betty Miller, Jerome and Lou Ann Miller

Engene Goble, Francis M. and Almeda Hiatt Hamilton, Hugh and Sarah Hamilton, Mrs. Elva Knote
by Myrtle Goble, Kenneth and Fern Werner and David, John and Vonna Wire, Carl and Pearl Nash Hamilton, Charlie and Hazel Hughes and family

Lee Hamilton, Margaret Lembke
by Mrs. Blanch Vennerstron Hamilton, Joseph Lembke and daughter Mary Margaret

W. S. and Margaret Catherine Titus, Sarah Camellia Steele
by Nathan and Faye Harting, George and Janet Harting and Pamlea, George and Cathrine Richey and Stephen

Leatha Johnson
by Leatha Johnson W.C.T.U.

Louie Smith Davis
by Edgar E. Davis

Martin Leavitt
by Mrs. Jennie Leavitt

In Memory Of

Mary Jane Jamison, Hume Jamison, Hubert Horine
by Mr. and Mrs. Willard Horine and sons

John Main
by Mrs. Virginia Main, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Main, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Main, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Main, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Main, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Dailey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, Mr. and Mrs. George Dickerson, Mrs. Vivian Patton

J. Ed. Dickey
by Mr. and Mrs. Claud R. Scott

W. H. (Billy) Markle
by Dr. Robert and Beulah La Follette and Seward

Mrs. Minnie Stephenson
by Orville Stephenson and Miss Sadia Stephenson

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Runyan, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Tyner
by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Runyan

William Heater, George and Emma Heater
by Leslie (Cub) and Maude Duncan and family, Mildred, Ralph, Earl, Florence Jamison, Richard Jessie Mae Geotz

Edith Linn
by Darrel and Zelpha Rybolt

John W. Riggs (Killed in World War II in Germany)
by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Riggs

Algia and Nora Hollowell
by Russell and Vera Hollowell

H. B. and Mollie Scott, Richard and Hannah Abernathy
by Leaf and Nellie Abernathy

Thomas (Bud) and Mary Phillips
by Mrs. Naomi Phillips Lichletner, Gladys Phillips Cronk

Albert Fowerbaugh
by Mrs. Donald Miller

Donna Miller
by Mrs. Ruth Cordes, Cynthia, Jon, and Don

In Memory Of

Rebecca Jane McClintock, John McClintock, Lizzie Jones Brattain, Willard and Otie Jones
by Mrs. Lenna McClintock Comer

Algia and Nora Hollowell
by Paul and Eulla Walker

Ott Finney, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Jenkins
by Valerie Finney

Robert E. Titus, Killed in World War II, Mr. and Mrs. Tippy Lightfoot
by Frank and Manda Titus

Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell
by Mrs. Ida Jacks, Mrs. Dora Poor

Mrs. Ola Phelps
by Mrs. Cleo Heider

Ira McClintock and son, Junior McClintock
by Dorothy Bagley and sons, William and Naomi McClintock and sons, Billy and Mike, H. Estes and Beverly McClintock

George and Emma Heater
by Cecil Heater, Pearl Heater, Omar Heater

Joseph and Mary Jones, Joheph and Mirah Miller
by Edgar and Rausa Jones

William and Clara Spitzmesser, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Benton, Ida Benton Bock, Julia Benton
by Ralph and Margaret Spitzmesser

Herbert Ellingwood
by James Ellingwood and family Judith Hobbs and family, Jane Ann Cromer and family, Miss Brenda Sue Ellingwood, Mrs. Lois Stutsman

Harlan Moore (World War II) Air plane crash in Miss.
by Willie and Mattie Miller

Eli Lightfoot
by Mrs. Lydia Webb Lightfoot

In Memory Of

Willie and Iva Lightfoot
by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lightfoot, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lightfoot, Mr. and Mrs. Murvil Lightfoot

John and Ona Cooper Day, Jasper Cooper and wife, Aquilla and Rachel Day
by Joe and Grace Day Schell

Arthur Miller
by Mrs. Pluma Miller

H. B. and Mary Scott
by Mary Scott Cassell, George Scott

Esta Idlewine
by John Idlewine, Mrs. Thelma Wood

Marvin E. Hunt
by Mrs. Bessie Hunt, Robert and Jean Hunt, Joe and Don Hunt

Ira, Otis and Lovia McClintock, Joseph and Mary Jones
by Charles and Nannie Jones McClintock

Raymond Hughes (World War II)
by Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hughes

Maybelle York, Gertrude York
by Milton York

Elster Hiatt, Ada Bell Dickey, Jasper N. Dickey
by Mrs. Edna Hiatt

Mrs. Addie Rigdon Ferris
by Mrs. Frances Murray, Mrs. LaVerne Lawson, Mr. John P. Burchet

George and Dora Street
by Mrs. Vira Kelley, Mrs. Nettie Kelley, Elmer Street, Wayne Street, Basil Street, Mrs. Chloie Bruner, Mrs. Oral Street

John Ellies Hiatt, Amanda Rees Hiatt, Charles Jervis, Elvert Hiatt
by Bertha Hiatt, Ross and Mary Jervis

Jonothan and Lucindia Jane Noble
by Carl and Sena Livezey

In Memory Of

Herbert O. Hiatt, Carol Hiatt Hardesty
by Effie G. Hiatt, Nicholos Hardesty, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hiatt and family

Fred Hobbs
by Ethel Spitzmesser Hobbs

John and Sarah Kinney
by Lawrence Kinney

Algia and Nora Hollowell
by Ermal and Dorothy Hollowell, Jay and Ardene

Dr. Prior and Mary Ann Feener Rigdon, Dr. Jonathan Rigdon, Mrs. Rose Rigdon Harman
by H. H. and Pansy Rigdon McKinney

Dr. Proyer and Mrs. Rigdon
by Mrs. Mary Brown and family

Mrs. Amanda Lowe, Mrs. Martha Bell Meldrum
by Mrs. Charity Paul

Ralph Sheedy
by Mr. and Mrs. George Sheedy and family

Harvey and Harriet Noble McCaskey, Charles Wardwell
by Mrs. Dora McCaskey Wardwell

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smalley
by J. A. and Jennie Smalley

Merl Titus
by Bernice Titus and son, Robert

Mrs. Jasuah Thrasher
by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Comer

James Bryon Leer, Manta Conger Leer, Esta Leer Turner
by Mrs. Ella Leer Laremore, Mrs. Ethyl Leer Griffith

Robert and Rachel Dickey, Elmer and Nettie Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. John Snowhill
by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dickey, Roberta and Marlene, Donald and Janice Dickey and son, Darrel and Jeanetta Sheedy and son

Mack and Jemima Dickey Runyan
by Massey and Bessie Clymer

In Memory Of

William Dye
by Mrs. Goldia Dye Montgomery, Mrs. Ella Mae Dye Thomilson

Johnathan and Lucinda Jane Noble Perry and Electia Jones Noble
by Edgar and Ethel Noble

Albert Fowerbaugh
by Mrs. Artie Fowerbaugh

Mrs. Rosa Rigdon Harman
by H. H. and Pansy Rigdon McKinney

Johnathan and Lucinda Jane Noble, and Electa Noble
by Otis and Blanch Noble

Fred and Angelina Fernung
by John and Ada Fernung Eiber

Algia and Nora Hiatt Hollowell
by Osmer and Lavon Wardwell

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In Honor Of

Methodist Church
by Mrs. Marie Titus

Methodist Church
by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Payne

Mr. Warren Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Riggs
by Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Riggs and family

Rigdon Butcher House
by Bryan Titus, Dexter Lee

The Lords Acre Farm
by Rigdon Methodist Church

The Hinds Garage
by Norman and Leo Hinds

The Edwards Super Market
by Mr. and Mrs. Marion Edwards and family

Methodist Church
by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harvey

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Bethay
by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Redman, Mr. and Mrs. Pet Bethay, Kay, John and Kenny Bethay

Mrs. Bessie Hunt
by Robert and Jean Hunt and sons, Joe and Don

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Duncan
by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goetz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Jamison, Ralph and Mildred Duncan

Giles Hiatt and Esther Bayless
by Edna Hiatt

Maude Brattain Heaton
by Russel and Vera Hollowell

Methodist Church
by Robert McManaman

Methodist Church
by Rev. and Mrs. Harold Blakely and children

Methodist Church
by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hunt

Fredrick and Esther Bayless and family, John D. and Betty Bayless and family
by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bayless

In Honor Of

William O. and Martha Hiatt Miller
by Roy and Dorothy Bagley, Donald and Dortha Miller, John and Lois Stutsman, David and Betty Miller, Robert and Jean Hunt and grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Roscoe Fernung
by Mr. and Mrs. William Fernung and family, John and Mike

Rigdon Methodist Church
by Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Waymire

Rev. and Mrs. Roscore Pheneger, Zelba and Judy
by Pet and Sandra Bethay

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bayless, Mrs. Edna Hiatt
by Miss Janie Bayless

Blanche Avis Bayless Leer
by Milton and Hessell Leer, Mrs. Margaret Elmore

J. Abner Smalley
by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harvey, and family

Bryan and Marie Titus
by Mr. and Mrs. John Titus, Jefferson and Frances Titus and family, Dale and Kay Titus and daughter, Wm. and Nora Kellam and family, Raymond and Lorene Fox and family, Clarence and Martha Mae Specher and family

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jamison
by Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Jamison and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan and family

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Heater
by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sakowicz, Mr. and Mrs. Margarette Wilhoit, Mrs. Pauline Van Duyn, Mrs. Wanetta Yoakum, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Heater, Mr. and Mrs. Furman Heater, Mrs. Bonnie Brown

Rev. and Mrs. Carl F. Harbour, Pastor, Carlene and Carl, Jr.
by Ridgon Methodist Church

In Honor Of

Methodist Church
by Cub Scouts of America Pack 80 and Boy Souts of America, Troop 80.

Gertrude Dickey
by Harold and Herbert Dickey

Methodist Church
by Phyllis Horine

Mrs. Carrie Day
by Mr. and Mrs. Myron Carter and family

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Terhune and daughter
by Rigdon Methodist Church

Clayton and Mable Horine and family, Harrison and Donnis Dawes and sons, Everett and Mary Horine and family, Willard and Harriett Horine and family, Paul and Helen Horine and family
by Frank and Wrennie Horine

Carl and Pearl Nash Hamilton
by Mr. and Mrs. Clair Hamilton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Hamilton and family, Mrs. Beulah Heoffer and amily, Mrs. Harriett Carey and John, Mr. and Mrs. John Wire, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Werner and David

Methodist Church
by Girl Scouts of America, Troop 126, Brownies of America

Rigdon Friends
by Harry and Mary Turner

"The years are full of good people in and about Rigdon, and in memory of all those who have gone, and in affection for those now living."
by Mr. and Mrs. Clair McTurnan

Mrs. Goldia Bayless Mallett
by Margaret Mallett Rebuch

Methodist Church
by Helen Rees, Ronnie and Barbara

Methodist Church (organ light)
by M. Y. F., 1957

In Honor Of

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horine
by Rev. and Mrs. Paul Horine and Sons

Mrs. Nellie Dickey Havens
by Herbert Dickey and family, Harold Dickey and family

Robert Jr. and Louella Td rnel and family, Kenneth and Lillian Hiatt and daughter, Jesse and Roberta McFall and family
by Robert Sr. and Ola Trindel

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Mattie Miller
by The Junior Department

Edgar and Rausa Jones
by Ward and Marion Jones and family, Lloyd and Hazel Jones and family, Merrill and Charlotte Jones and family, Mrs. Marjorie King and family

Leslie (Cub) and Maude Duncan
Richard and Roxie Nash
by Richard and Nedra Jo Duncan and family

Mrs. Gertrude Dickey
by Mrs. Webster Ferree

Bernice Titus
by Robert M. Titus

Jennie Leavitt
by June Leavitt

Methodist Church
by Wayne Wimmer

Mrs. (J. E.) Gertrude Dickey
by Mr. and Mrs. Claud Scott

Methodist Church
by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horine
by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Shoemaker

Sandra Hiatt
by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hiatt

Mrs. Ida Markle
by Dr. Robert and Beulah LaFollette and Seward

Methodist Church
by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash

In Honor Of

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hiatt
by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hiatt and Sandra, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hiatt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Hiatt and family

Methodist Church
by Mr. and Mrs. Wade Bethay

Methodist Church
by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Conway

Methodist Church
by Rev. and Mrs. Floyd White

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